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VIENTIANE 1042

MACV FOR COMMAND CENTER

SUBJECT: LAOS SITREP

REF: A. VIENTIANE 1005
B. VIENTIANE 1008

SUMMARY: FORWARD MOST ROUTE 23 POSITIONS IN MR IV
WERE EVACUATED ON 4 FEB AFTER HEAVY ENEMY ATTACKS.
SHARP CLASH REPORTED EAST OF KHONG SEDONE. TROOP
LIFT AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOUTHEAST OF LONG TIENG.
ENEMY MAINTAINED PRESSURE AGAINST SAM THONG POSITIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. IN MR IV, ATTACK AGAINST MOST FORWARD ROUTE 23
POSITION APPROX 3 KM WEST OF BAN GNIK (REPORTED

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REPORT ON CAUSE OF CRASH INDICATED ENGINE FAILURE.
CASUALTIES: 3 U.S. CREWMEN INJURED AND EVACUATED
TO BANGKOK, ONE LAO CREWMAN KILLED, ONE SOLDIER
KILLED, 15 SOLDIERS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 18 SOLDIERS
INJURED.

5. IN MR V, ENEMY SHELLED POSITION 6 KM SOUTH OF
MUONG KASSY (FROM WHICH FRIENDS HAD ALREADY WITH-
DRAWN) AS WELL AS BATTALION COMMAND POST APPROX
5 KM FARTHER SOUTH ON 4 FEB (NO CASUALTIES). ONE
CLASH OCCURRED 16 KM SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF MUONG KASSY
WITHOUT CASUALTIES ON 3 FEB. ARMORED CAR OVERTURNED
APPROX 5 KM NORTH OF VANG VIENG ON 3 FEB, KILLING
ONE AND INJURING 4. APPROX 2500 REFUGEES MOVED
FROM MUONG KASSY AREA TO VANG VIENG AREA DURING
WEEK ENDING 4 FEB. STILL UNCONFIRMED UPDATE
OF CASUALTIES FROM LOSS OF SALA PHOU KHOUN (SEE
VIENTIANE 0613 AND 0753) INDICATED 70 FRIENDLY
KIA, 150 WIA AND 249 STILL MIA.

6. IN MR I, POSITION APPROX 30 KM NORTHEAST OF
LUANG PRABANG WAS SHELLED WITHOUT CASUALTIES ON
4 FEB. CASUALTY UPDATE FROM LOSS OF POSITION NORTH
OF LUANG PRABANG ON 29 JAN (SEE VIENTIANE 0847)
INDICATED 13 FRIENDLY KIA, 3 WIA, 13 RIFLES, 2 MORTARS
AND ONE RECOILLESS RIFLE LOST. APPROX 3100 REFUGEES
MOVED CLOSER TO LUANG PRABANG AFTER LOSS OF KIOU
KA CHAM DURING WEEK ENDING 4 FEB.
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